### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA (WILKES-BARRE)

| In re:              | Chapter 13               |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Elizabeth Caymares, | Case No.: 23-02305 (MJC) |
| Debtor.             |                          |

# DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION'S (I) RESPONSE TO TRUSTEE'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND OBJECTION TO ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO AMEND CLAIM AND (II) MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE CLAIM AFTER BAR DATE

- B. Erin O'Quinn, being duly sworn, deposes and says:
- 1. I am a Litigation Paralegal for Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation ("CAT Financial"). I submit this declaration in support of CAT Financial's (I) Response to Trustee's Motion for Reconsideration and Objection to Order Granting Leave to Amend Claim and (II) Motion for Leave to File Claim After Bar Date (the "Response"). The information set forth in this Declaration is based upon my personal knowledge and/or the business records of CAT Financial maintained in the regular course of its business.
- 2. As set forth more fully in CAT Financial's proof of claim filed in this case as Claim No. 7 (the "Proof of Claim"), on or about August 29, 2022, the Debtor executed that certain Continuing Guaranty (CFSC and CFCA as Beneficiaries) in favor of Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation and Caterpillar Financial Commercial Account Corporation (the "Guaranty"). Proof of Claim, Ex. A.
- 3. Pursuant to the Guaranty, the Debtor unconditionally guaranteed prompt payment and performance of all obligations of Konstruction Built LLC ("Konstruction") to CAT Financial.

- 4. Konstruction is indebted to CAT Financial pursuant to that certain Installment Sale Contract No. 001-7008633 dated August 29, 2022 (the "Security Agreement") with Holt Texas, LTD ("Holt"), subsequently assigned to CAT Financial, pursuant to which the CAT Financial financed the Konstruction's purchase of certain equipment, namely, (i) 259D3 Caterpillar Compact Track Loader (S/N CW920447), (ii) 259D3 Caterpillar Compact Track Loader (S/N CW920423), (iii) 259D3 Caterpillar Compact Track Loader (S/N CW920442), (v) 259D3 Caterpillar Compact Track Loader (S/N CW920445), and (vi) 259D3 Caterpillar Compact Track Loader (S/N CW920453) (collectively, the "Equipment"). Proof of Claim, Ex. B, C.
- 5. Konstruction is in default under the Security Agreement and the Debtor is in default under the Guaranty.
- 6. As set forth in the Proof of Claim, the balance due and owing to CAT Financial is \$425,910.52.
- 7. CAT Financial had no knowledge of this bankruptcy proceeding until February 2024.
- 8. On or about February 5, 2024, Debtor's counsel contacted CAT Financial's outside counsel to inform them that the Debtor had commenced a chapter 13 bankruptcy proceeding in this Court. A true and correct copy of that correspondence is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.
- 9. Until February 5, 2024, CAT Financial had not received any notice of this case, of the plan, or of the December 15, 2023 deadline for filing claims (the "Bar Date").
- 10. CAT Financial respectfully requests that the Court grant it leave to submit the Proof of Claim after the Bar Date.

I make this declaration under penalty of perjury as being true and correct based on personal knowledge of CAT Financial's books and business records.

March 20, 2024

/s/ B. Erin O'Quinn

B. Erin O'Quinn, Litigation Paralegal Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation

## Exhibit 1

From: Hanley, Kelly

**Sent:** Friday, February 23, 2024 12:42 PM **To:** Mike Assad <mike.assad@cibiklaw.com>

**Subject:** RE: Elizabeth Caymares (Contract #001-70086333) [WMIMAN-IWOVRIC.FID2617888]

Thank you, Mike. Will work on it on our end.

From: Mike Assad < mike.assad@cibiklaw.com > Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 11:47 AM

To: Hanley, Kelly < <a href="mailto:khanley@williamsmullen.com">khanley@williamsmullen.com</a>>

**Subject:** Re: Elizabeth Caymares (Contract #001-70086333) [WMIMAN-IWOVRIC.FID2617888]

Hi Kelly, sorry I missed you. If you file a proof of claim now, we can do a consent order allowing it. Does that work?

#### Sent from my iPhone

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#### Mike-

I've tried leaving a couple of messages for you. As you know, Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation was not listed on the schedules and did not receive notice of the bankruptcy. Checking in to see if you would consider amending the schedules and allow Caterpillar to file a late proof of claim. Thank you...my cell is 910-508-3821. Enjoy your weekend.



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From: Mike Assad < mike.assad@cibiklaw.com >

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**To:** Hanley, Kelly < <a href="mailto:khanley@williamsmullen.com">khanley@williamsmullen.com</a>>

Subject: Elizabeth Caymares (Contract #001-70086333)

Hello.

Elizabeth Caymares received your recent default notice. Please be advised that she is a debtor in an active chapter 13 bankruptcy in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania filed on December 18, 2023, and docketed as #23-02305. Accordingly, all collection activity is stayed per the bankruptcy code.

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